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Japs English American Tour.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 28.—The Kewo University baseball team of Japan brought its tour of America to a close yesterday with the defeat of the United States Naval Training station team by a score of 6 to 3. The Japanese players sail today for Honolulu, where they will play a month's series before returning to Japan.

## McALEER MAY SIGN LOCAL CATCHER TO HELP OUT HENRY

Catcher Kraft of Post Office Strongly Recommended by Kid Carsey, the Veteran Pitcher.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

Norman Kraft, catcher of the Post Office team of the Departmental League, may be given a trial by the Nationals. With Street and Ainsmith on the hospital list, McAleer is in a bad way for catchers. Should Henry meet with an accident, there is no one on the team who could do the catching.

Kid Carsey, for many years the star pitcher of the Philadelphia team, now the manager of the Riverview team of this city, is sponsor for Kraft, whom he considers one of the best young catchers he has ever seen. Carsey called at base ball headquarters this morning and told Manager McAleer that he should not hesitate to take on Kraft at once. Manager McAleer will set himself in communication with the young catcher, and, if possible, have him report at the park this afternoon.

Kraft is considered the best catcher in the local amateur leagues and, according to Carsey, is good enough for any company.

season. Where or how the report originated is not known, but Manager McAleer professes not to know a thing about any such deal even being contemplated.

Connie Mack and his players arrived in the city this morning more confident than ever that before many more days they will have gained a comfortable lead in the race. While they will not say so in so many words, it is evident that they feel that first place will be theirs before they leave here. They feel confident that a majority of the games with the Nationals will go to them, and they will be disappointed if they lose more than one of the five they are scheduled to play here.

"We are going along nicely," said Mack, "and there is no reason why we should not continue to do so. The players are all in good shape and it is about all we can ask for I feel that our team is every bit as strong if not stronger than last year. Yes, I think we will out in front before long."

Plank and Krause, the Athletics' pair of southpaws, will in all probability be worked against the Nationals today.

Tom Hughes and Dolly Gray will probably be worked in the two games with the Athletics today. Gray pitched a good game of ball against the champions in Philadelphia last week, though he lost it. Hughes did not pitch against the Athletics during their recent stay in the city.

delphia team for whom Pittsburgh will trade Leach. "I believe that Leach is a good ball player," said Mr. Dreyfuss, "and that man is Sherwood Magee. If Fogel will give us Magee for Leach, Clarke may consent to think it over, but under no other conditions has Fogel a chance in the world to get Leach."

"That ended the matter as far as the Pittsburgh club was concerned, but shortly afterward the story appeared that Leach was booked for release. I believe that Fogel's absurd remark gave rise to the tale," says Mr. Dreyfuss, "and furthermore, I believe that he got the idea from an agent of his club right here in Pittsburgh. Of course, there is nothing in it, and I want to deny again that I have had any difference with Leach."

"I have neither met Tommy" off the field nor talked with him since last April, when our club was in Memphis on the spring training trip. There are no differences between the player and the management, and the tale of trouble over his alleged refusal to go to Youngstown to consult Reese was based on a trifle. We did not think a local osteopath who was treating "Tommy" was making much headway toward a cure and merely suggested that Leach go to Reese, "Tommy" replying that he had consulted Reese once about the same injury and that the bone-setter had not been able to help him. That's all there was to it. There has been no trouble, we did not ask for waivers on Leach, and we do not intend to do so."

Other American League Games.

McINNIS TURNS A TRICK.

Hits a Home Run While Pitcher Is Warming Up.

BOSTON, June 28.—Philadelphia closed the series with Boston yesterday by winning the last game, 7 to 3. Both Wood and Karger, the local pitchers, were hit freely, Wood leaving the game at the end of the third inning.

McInnis, first at bat in the eighth inning, took advantage of the warming-up rule and drove the ball to center field for a home run before the Red Sox fielders had taken positions.

Score: R.H.E. Philadelphia 1 1 1 0 0 0 1—7 11 Boston 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—3 9 3

Edward Walsh the Hero.

CHICAGO, June 28.—Pitcher Walsh proved to be too much for Detroit yesterday, holding the visitors to four scattered hits, while Chicago shot out the league leaders, 3 to 0. Score: R.H.E. Chicago 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1—3 10 2 Detroit 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 4 1

Philadelphia Is After Pitcher Overall of Cubs.

PHILADELPHIA, June 28.—The Phillies are after Orville Overall, former Cub pitcher, who at present is sojourning in California. While the Philly management refuses to talk on the subject, one of the Philly players has received a letter from Overall in which the statement is made that the big Cub pitcher shortly will be with the Philadelphia National club. Overall says he is in splendid shape.

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